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Note and Comment

After several weeks of feverish political excitement, in the course of which one startling event followed another in nerve-wracking succession, we have had a profound lull for some days. The judicial commission, which is to investigate the conditions surrounding the A. & G. W. contract, will hold its first session on Tuesday. That its proceedings will be followed with intense interest goes without saying. But in order to do so intelligently its purpose should not be lost sight of. The question of whether a good or a bad bargain was made will not come before it. This is something which must be decided by the legislature, and ultimately by the people themselves. The object of the commission is simply to determine whether any member or members of the government or of the legislature had any interest in the contract. This must mean "pecuniary" interest, despite the fact that Mr. Bennett asked to have that word struck out of the resolution. Everyone in the province is "interested" in the contract, in the wider sense.

No one has taken the responsibility on himself of making a public charge against anyone. Therefore the commission will work under much different conditions than similar bodies in other parts of the country have had to face. In Ontario, for instance, Mr. Gagey rose in his place in the House and declared that Mr. Stratton had tried to bribe him. This was something definite for the judges to proceed upon. The accuser and the accused each brought forth their evidence and the commission decided between them. Here, however, all we have been up to the present is a number of speeches, in which wrongdoing was hinted at and a great many hole-and-corner accusations in which the most dastardly offences were charged with a vehemence which we are accustomed to in cases where those preferring the accusations are not at all likely to be called upon to make them good. The commissioners have, however, appointed counsel, the chief of whom is Mr. W. L. Walsh, K.C., late president of the Conservative Association of the province, and Conservative candidate in the Gleichen bye-election three years ago, whose duty it will be to ferret out every suspicious circumstance and to make public everything which would tend to show that those whose duty it was to safeguard the interests of the province in this matter, have been looking after their own instead.

Up to the present there has not been a tittle of evidence presented to justify the general accusations of crookedness which are being made, not only in the province but outside it, in regard to the members of the government. The Calgary Albertan has denounced the bargain as a reckless one, and has conducted a campaign against the administration in connection with it which has been the strongest single factor in creating adverse public sentiment. But when all the discussion in the House was over, it said:

"The Albertan does not believe that there has been graft in connection with this transaction; at least it has learned nothing which gives that impression."

But we have the High River Times speaking of the province as being "robbed and plundered by a set of grafters" and the Red Deer News saying that the government "stands charged with the most flagrant acts of corruption." As we descend in the scale of responsibility, the stronger the language becomes. A situation has thus been created which it was imperative to clear up. A cabinet which did not wish to have its actions gone into thoroughly, would have taken the ground that until some definite charge was made, it couldn't be expected to arrange for an enquiry. This would not have been unreasonable. But the tactics that have been followed have served their purpose. A general feeling of unrest has been created, and it was essential if the usefulness of the government's work was not to be interfered with, that the fullest opportunity be given to bring the facts bearing upon the contract before the public in an orderly, systematic way. This is what the judicial commission will accomplish. In the interests of justice as well as of good government, the proceedings before it should be followed with close attention and with as little preconceived prejudice as is possible.

There have been many very painful incidents in recent weeks where members of the legislature after hearing what was to be said on both sides of the controversy, which has been raging, and forming and expressing their own opinions in regard to it, have bowed before a storm raised by their constituents and proceeded to stultify themselves. There is nothing which more surely wrecks a man's public career than such action. Davy Crockett's familiar advice to be sure you're right and then go ahead cannot be too frequently or strongly im-

pressed upon politicians. It may bring about temporary unpopularity and possibly temporary eclipse, but it is the only course that is in keeping with a man's self-respect and that brings permanent success.

A very valuable autobiography was issued last year, that of Carl Schurz, a man with a striking political, literary and military career, whose name is bound to become a more and more honored one in the annals of the United States, as time goes by.

One chapter in his book has been recalled by the conduct of the Alberta legislators just referred to. The moral cowardice of a politician was, he declared, a source of profound peril. To illustrate this he told a story of one of his experiences in the Presidential campaign of 1872.

"I was called upon," he writes, "for a good many speeches, and had large and enthusiastic audiences. One of the experiences I had in this campaign I remember with especial pleasure. The movement in favor of paying off national bonds, not in coin, but in depreciated paper money, which found advocacy in the Democratic platform, was in fact not confined to the ranks of the Democratic party. Although the Republican Convention had in its platform sternly declared against any form of repudiation, yet that movement found supporters among the Republicans, too, especially among people of confused moral notions, small politicians eager to win a cheap popularity by catering to questionable impulses, and politicians of higher rank nervously anxious to catch every popular breeze and inclined to it whenever it seemed to blow with some force.

"In the early part of the campaign I was asked to make a series of speeches in Indiana, and to begin with an outdoor mass-meeting at a little place—if I remember rightly its name was Corydon—near the Illinois line, at which a large number of farmers were expected. While a great crowd was gathering, I dined at the village hotel with the members of the local committee. They seemed to have something on their minds, which finally came forth, apparently with some hesitation. One of them, after a few minutes of general silence, turned to me with a very serious mien, as if he had to deliver an important message, saying that they thought it their duty to inform me of a peculiar condition of the public mind in that region: that the people around there were all, Republicans as well as Democrats, of the opinion that all the United States bonds should be paid off in greenbacks and that an additional quantity of greenbacks should be issued for that purpose; that there was much feeling on that question, and that they, the committee would earnestly ask me, if I could not conscientiously advocate the same policy, at least not to mention the subject in my speech.

"Having been informed that there had been a good deal of greenback talk in that neighborhood, I was not surprised. But I thought it a good opportunity to administer a drastic lesson to my chicken-hearted party friends. 'Gentlemen,' I said, 'I have been invited here to preach Republican doctrines to your people. The Democratic platform advocates the very policy which you say is favored by your people. The Republican platform emphatically condemns that policy. I think it is barefaced, dishonest, rascally repudiation. If your people favor this, they stand in eminent need of a good, vigorous talking to. But if you, the committee managing this meeting, do not want me to speak my mind on this subject, I shall not speak at all. I shall leave instantly, and you may do with the meeting as you like.'

There was consternation among the committee, but Mr. Schurz had been announced as the principal speaker and he had to go on with his speech.

"The meeting was very large, mostly plain country people, men and women. The committee-men sat on the platform on both sides of me, with anxious faces, evidently doubtful of what would happen. I had put the audience in sympathetic temper when in the due order of my speech I reached the bond question. Then I did not 'draw it mild.' I described the circumstances under which the bonds were sold by our government and bought by our creditor; the rebellion at the height of its strength; our armies in the field suffering defeat after defeat; our regular revenues sadly insufficient to cover the expense of the war; our credit at a low ebb; a gloomy cloud of uncertainty hanging over the future. These were the circumstances under which our government called upon our own citizens, and upon the world abroad for loans of money. The people whom we called bondholders lent their money upon our promise that the money should be paid back in coin. They did so at a great risk, for if we had failed in the war, they might have lost all or much of what they had lent us. Largely owing to the help they gave us in our extremity, we succeeded. And now are we to turn round and denounce them as speculators and bloodsuckers, and say that we

The Judicial Commission



MR. JUSTICE HARVEY



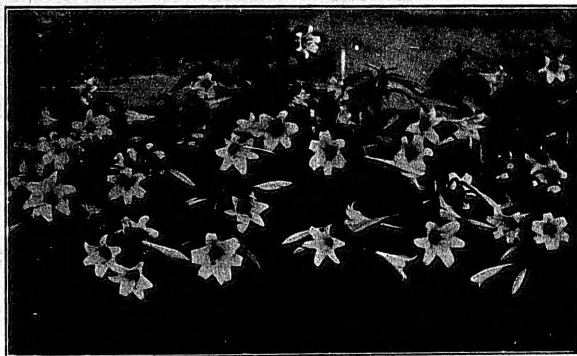
MR. JUSTICE SCOTT



MR. JUSTICE BECK

The three members of the Supreme Court of Alberta, who will conduct the A. & G. W. investigation, which opens in the Legislative Chamber on Tuesday

The Glory of Eastertide



A Display of Easter Lilies at Ramsay's

"All the breath and the bloom of the year in the bag of one bee," once sang Robert Browning, and so gathered into one brief sentence all the beauty and ecstasy of a perfect summer.

Wandering through Mr. Ramsay's greenhouses last night, the words sang themselves over and over again to me. All the breath and beauty of an exquisite Easter gathered under one glass roof, they seemed to be saying, as my eyes wandered past a forest of palms and stately rhododendrons to see far ahead of me rows upon rows of waxen Easter lilies, bed after bed of roses, great splashes of gold which I knew to be daffodils, and borne in from all, a combination of indescribable fragrance that seemed to epitomize in one breath the sweetness of a riotously glorious summer.

Picture to yourself a thousand Easter lilies in one mass, a carpet of gold in another direction, hundreds upon hundreds of rose faces resting in a deep bed of green, every shade of hyacinth you have ever known grouped all about you, and you have a faint comprehension of the offering Mr. Ramsay and his very capable staff of assistants have gathered together, to make for you a glad and joyous Easter. If you haven't the very least idea of possessing yourself of so much as one blossom, you shouldn't miss the sight the greenhouses present at this time, for all that. For be you a purchaser or no, you will be made equally welcome.

To me it is one of the miracles of the age the facility with which the modern gardener adapts conditions to his will. Seasons wax and wane no more by the turn of the months. The Calendar Man no longer wields the scepter of authority over "Roses and King-cups and Canterbury Bells."

In his place has arisen the wizard who knows almost how to manufacture sunshine, who has mastered the art of coaxing timid little dead-looking seeds into a resplendent life while the snow yet lies many feet deep outside. Take off your hat to him, for he is one of the wonders of the world.

Thus while Easter this year is exceptionally early, thanks to Mr. Ramsay's skill, the violets, and roses, the rhododendrons, and lilies, the tulips and carnations, and all the host of flowering beauties come early also, and come, too, in such a miracle of bloom and fragrance as if to point the precious promise, "He has risen."

Easter was made to inspire us with hope, to prove a resurrection, and flowers, too, it seems to me, in a peculiar way, sing of this same victory over death.

And so when Easter morning comes we decorate our altars, we send loving floral remembrances each to the other, as is peculiar and fitting on this, the most joyous occasion in all the Christian year.

G. B. W.

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A THOUGHT AT DAWN

The following striking poem is published anonymously in the Chicago Record-Herald:

(To N. P.)
Lonely and reverberate, I hear the
long, low, rhythmic roar
Of seas unsatisfied:
Above, a young moon palely threads
her heaven-appointed
Solitary way;

From far, quivering through drifting
dreams, there comes
That melancholy wail,
The weary loon sends forth upon the
night.

I know, sad bird, I know
Thou art alone,
So fast compelling cries surge up in
memory.

I think the soul of the world is all
alone.
And desolate.

I think that every man who lives upon
the world
Is all alone;

Children who look up and earnestly
beseech,
Yet are not understood,
And aged ones whose wisdom pitifully
returned to them

Availeth nothing.
Women whose sons go forth and no
more need them.
And seekers after truth who cannot
find.

Yet mercifully, we know it not,
We go about, breathe deep the summer
air,
Find joy in simple things—the spring-
ing earth,
Green growing grass and reddening
maple tips,

Bird notes and children's laughter,
And are therein content,
If, wondering, we hear at times the
spirit's pleading call.

We hush the cry as vain.
And then—Pain comes,
Scornfully, with ruthless hand he
strikes us down.

With blow on blow.
Blinded we stretch forth groping
hands for aid
And meet the blessed grasp of sym-
pathy.

O Pain! Is this, then, thy pure mis-
sion?
So to inform our careless minds we
may discover
That every human soul may give at
need

Comfort unto his brother?
Then may we on our way give thanks
for that sweet solace
And be less desolate.

And when Supreme Pain shall come?
Ah, then no hand
However kind may touch or stay the
fleeing soul's
Departure.

To the lonely rhythmic roar of seas
unsatisfied,
The weary loon cry echoing from afar,
Each shall go hence
Alone as he has come.

All winter I have written my Mirror
in the big sunny dining-room, not that
I hadn't a den to retire to, but that
the wind and the cold had a spite at this
particular corner of my house and
I must be comfy when I settle down to
facing my Looking Glass.

This morning I have come back to the
peaceful spot I love, back to the
old over-crowded desk, back to my
scrap-books, my desk-texts, my en-
gagement slate. Early, very early,
when some of you were dawdling over
breakfast, I was out and had the double
window off, the storm door un-
hinged, and as I write, the sunshine is
pouring in upon me. God's good fresh
air is all about me. I am intoxicated
with the world.

I have been so happy this morning,
tangled problems that have puzzled me
of late somehow seemed righting
themselves in the sunshine, when my
maid came in to report a sliver
deep-buried in her finger, and in a trice
my little world of sun and happiness
was all upside down again. I have
sent her off to a doctor, because these
hands that can flay if they want, men
and things at a distance, are very
courageous when it comes to inflicting
necessary pain on an object close at
hand. I think I have been a coward
of this kind all my life. Surely I
no better than a butter-fly.

Borne in on the breeze to me is the
cry of a little girl next door. A minute
ago I was blessing her in my heart,
because she too was singing happily

to her doll-babies. Thus does the God
of Things upset our little apple-carts
in life, mine and that girl-baby's and
as I write it I think of those exquisite
little verses:

"There, little girl, don't cry,
They have broken your doll, I know;
And your tea-set blue, and your play-
house, too,
Are things of the long ago.
But childish troubles will soon
pass by;
There, little girl, don't cry,"

and
"There, little girl, don't cry,
They have broken your heart, I
know;
And the glad wild ways of your
school-girl's days,
Are things of the long ago.
But life and love will soon come
by;
There, little girl, don't cry."

which is for me a big girl grown.
But not they haven't broken my
heart yet, nor please be, ever will.
Slivers may make me shudder, child-
ish troubles may cause me pain, but
I am alive in this glorious world to
work out my destiny and the sun is
still shining.

As I write the last sentence my
eye fell on an old letter from one of
my casual, my very casual readers,
and this is what I read:

(I had written, you see, something
about his own sweet self, that he
hadn't just relished.)

"What faces in the mirror we see,
everybody but our own." As if I
would have it otherwise, when I have
such a collection of—fascinating
ones to study—among my readers and
the dear public.

Never in my most youthful and dar-
ing days did I echo the wish "to see
myself as others saw me," because I
had always a collection of matter-of-
fact aunts and dis-illusioned teachers
to give me gentle hints as to what
state of affairs I might hope to find.

"If you could see your face this
minute, my child, or 'Whatever would
you do if your face froze that way?'
brand of calculation is not calculated
you will admit, to put one in special
good humor with oneself. But I did
face a Mirror the other day; faced it
just as bravely as I sometimes insist
on your facing mine, and—any small
illusions—puff—are gone forever.

Perhaps sometimes I have rather
fancied myself—but my punishment
was in proportion. Listen:

It was in a millinery parlor whither
my vanity and the lure of summer
weather had lured me. I had turned
in quite innocently, not thinking of
my "face" so much as "the hat" I
had a vague idea, I remember,
of something spring-like, roses, cherries,
at any rate, brightness combined with
smartness.

At first I wasn't too discouraged
either. This one to be sure didn't suit,
but that one might. And so I kept
on and on—until even as "the hat" I
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People will talk of things they don't
know anything about—except from a
gentle distance, though—to be sure,
Teddy has done his duty by his coun-
try hasn't he? I see we are shortly
to have him with us once more. Then
the Deluge.

—
This is the season when men who
love God's great Out-of-Doors are
commencing to get busy. In a couple
of weeks I am going away for a short
holiday to see what is doing in the
country, but now I was referring more
to town-gardeners, to men with little
plots to work, but an interest in them
out of all proportion.

I love to see pottering kind of men
who find the days too short for all
the interesting things they have to do.
Up at six in the morning and out turn-
ing over the ground; at night bent
over some alluring seed catalogue,
business and worries forgotten, their
minds at rest on Nature's attitude of
loveliness. Surely, surely, these men
get something beautiful out of life
denied to many of us. Surely they go
down to their counting-houses with
some of the Stuff-O'-Dreams still
clinging to them!

I was talking to one of these en-
thusiastic home-gardeners one day
last week, and he told me how he got
the fancy. Six years ago he didn't
know a cabbage from a pansy, and
what's more, he didn't want to. Then
one day he came across a big nursery-
man's catalogue, which he took up
in a friend's house. When he closed
it he said to himself, "I think I can
get some fun out of this," and he has
got a great deal of fun out of it ever
since. He has made a rose-garden,
and a pansy-bed; he has great strings
of every shade of sweet pea that ever
was by land or sea; he can now tell
you all sorts of interesting facts about
such everyday things as kitchen cab-
bages. He takes a pride in the bleach-
ing of his celery. His friends, gazing
in at his garden are heartened and
cheered for their work. My friend is
a better man, and knows by heart, the
joy of working with his hands, of
manual labor.

Because of his garden, he takes with
him to his office a finer comprehension
of things, the love of beauty and hon-
esty, and perseverance, and all such
aids to making him a cleaner liver and
a better citizen.

As I, as I pass his "place" in the
summer, often bless him in my heart,
for the beauty he has brought into my
rank outsider's range of vision. For
the chords of memory quickened to
life, that the sight of his pansies,
awakens in me—of home, and a cer-
tain dear old garden—But you know
how it is.

PEGGY.

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of "Dost" Tenyson's masterpiece,
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scenes and characters so exquisitely
described by that famous poet were
faithfully portrayed, so that not the
smallest detail was missing. This
work of making us all more familiar
with good literature is a most laud-
able proceeding of the Moving Picture
Company, and one which is highly
appreciated. A highly instructive
and scenic production was shown un-
der the title "Across the Isthmus."
It showed exactly the work taking
place on the Panama, and was a re-
velation to the majority. Instead of
being merely a newspaper paragraph
the whole subject was brought to us
as a vivid reality. The very fact of a
film being labelled "Biograph Co." is
a guarantee of its exceptional value,
but the two dramas shown recently
were marvels even for Biographs. "In
the watches of the night," was a sub-
ject of the most perfect pathos. It
contrasted the rich man's home with
that of a starving unemployed, whose child
was dying for want of that care which
money alone can procure. The poor
man is driven to theft, the hollow
cheeks and low moaning of his child
urging him on. His wife, however,
recalls his better nature and makes
him replace his booty. He is arrested
in the act, and only the kindness of
the policeman enables him to have a
last farewell of his family. Half dis-
tracted they decide to die together by
the husband's hand, but are stopped
at the last moment. From that day
Fortune smiles on them, and those
awful days are felt only as some black
dream of the past. "The Restoration"
is another great film, showing how a
man who has lost his reason by a
shock, was cured by being made to go
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When She Spoke

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And my surrender was complete.
Her eyes were limpid, filled with light,
A beautiful alluring sight.

Her face was sweet beyond compare;
An aureole her gleaming hair.
To look at her was ecstasy;
She filled the day with joy for me.

I gazed at her with lips apart,
And felt a glow about my heart,
I longed to know the vision sweet,
To lay my heart before her feet.

I yearned to hear her golden voice
Its tones must make my soul rejoice,
Such dainty grace, a face so fair,
I knew was joined with culture rare.

And so I listened for a word,
From her, with all my pulses stirred.
It came. The girl beside her said
"Umphum," and bent her pretty head.

Then spoke my dream: "I'm sore on
Cy;
He thinks he's just the killing guy.
I'm gonto ditch him, bet y' boots.
Let's get some gun, an' shoot the
chutes."

A reader asks me to put this on the
Indian list, and names the Vancouver
Saturday Sunset as the offender.

The Honorable John Sharp Wil-
liams had an engagement to speak
in a small Southern town. The train
he was travelling on was not of the
swiftest, and he lost no opportunity of
keeping the conductor informed as to
his opinion of that particular road.
"Well, if yer don't like it," the con-
ductor finally blurted out, "why in
thunder don't yer git out an' walk?"
"I would," Mr. Williams blandly re-
plied, "but you see the committee
doesn't expect me until this train gets
in."

This story, it might be mentioned,
was first told of Andrew Jackson,
and has since been ascribed to Abrah-
am Lincoln, the Prince Consort, M.
Gambetta, Lord Beaconsfield, Sir John
A. Macdonald, the late Shah of Per-
sia, not to mention Mark Twain, Cy
Warman, and several other lesser cel-
ebrities.

"This is Lent," said the footpad.
"I know it," said the pedestrian.
"Well, what are you going to give
up?"

This story is told of Finnegan,
whether he of "off agin" fame
does not appear. When he died and
passed to St. Peter, he said:
"It's a fine job you've had here for
a long time."

"Well, Finnegan," said St. Peter,
"here we count a million years as a
minute and a million dollars as a
cent."
"Ah!" said Finnegan, "I'm needing
cash. Lend me a cent."
"Sure," said St. Peter, "just wait a
minute."

A bishop was asked to baptize a
negro baby.
"Name this child," he said, address-
ing Mr. Jackson, the mother of the
black mite.
"That's a strange name, Mrs. Jack-
son," remarked the bishop, hesitating-
ly.

"Scripture name," rejoined the happy
mother, with a confident grin.
"I never saw it in the Bible."
"Why, bishop, how can you stan' up
dar kiddin' a ole ignorant niggah laik
I is? Yuh says dat name whenever
yuh says de Lawd's prayer—"Hallelu-
de Thy name!"

"Yes," quoth the decollete maiden of
ripe years, "I have indeed many bo-
som secrets."
"You don't seem to see any neces-
sity for concealing them," replied her
rather bored partner.
After which she made reference to
the fact that it was time to go in
search of her mother.

A briefless lawyer was waiting for
someone to drop into his office when a
farmer came in.
"Say, young man, I see by the sign
outside, that you're a lawyer," was his
salutation. The briefless lawyer look-
ed very wise and nodded his head.

"Well, if you're a lawyer you can
tell me something. If I sell a man's
horse, and he gives me a promissory
note in payment and he don't pay up
his note, can I go to his barn and take
his horse away?"

"You certainly can't," said the law-
yer. "You'll have to sue him to recov-
er the value of the note."
"Can't, heh?" Well, I guess I'll get
another lawyer. I've done it."

His Winning Trick.
Denver Republican

He couldn't talk a little bit on music
or on art.

When men broached high broved top-
ics yeg could see the sweat-
beads start:

But before they had him silenced and
in storage for the night
He would flash a roll of money—and
of course that put him right.

He was crude and most unlettered,
and his grammar was a sin.
But he knew the little secret of suc-
cessful butting-in:
He could change a cold demeanor and
could break down stares of
pride.

When he flashed a roll of money with a
yellowback outside.

"Twas his one trick and it served him
where all other tricks might
fail,

It carried him through breakers and
through many an icy gale.
It won for him position that could
never be denied.

His magic roll of money with the yel-
lowback outside.

—Arthur Chapman.

A Scotch preacher had in his con-
gregation an old woman who was deaf.
In order to hear the sermon each
Sunday this old lady would seat her-
self at the foot of the pulpit stairs.
One day the sermon was about Jonah,
and the preacher became very rhe-
torical.

"And when the sailors threw Jonah
overboard," he said, "a big fish swal-
lowed him up. Was it a shark that
got 'im? Nay, my brethren, it was
n'er a shark. Was it a swordfish that
cat him? Nay—"

"It was a whale," whispered the
old lady excitedly.
"Hush, Biddie," said the preacher,
indignantly. "Would ye tak th'
word o' God out o' yer an' meen-
ster's mouth?"

Tests for Bank Clerks.

These are said to be the latest tests
for American bank clerks:

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the examiner have a ticker and a
phonograph concealed in the room.
During conversation set the ticker go-
ing and have a voice from the phono-
graph cry out:

Atchison up three points, or Reading
off and going down, and carefully ob-
serve the result.

If the examined man appears to take
no notice, he may be recommended
for continuance in office, but if his lips
quiver nervously and he thrusts his
hands in his pockets, and his eyes flit
back and forth, while his face flushes
with anxiety, then the examiner should
recommend that all the funds and re-
curities be spiked down without de-
lay.

Test for the drink peril:
Place before the men different col-
ored pieces of paper, with the names
of the various liquors conspicuously
printed upon them—water, coffee, beer,
wine, whiskey, highball, etc. Ask him
to glance rapidly at each in succession,
and repeat often. Notice particularly
on which his glance rests longest and
to which it returns ofttest.

If his eye rests longest on water or
coffee, the danger from a perverted
appetite is minimized. But if his eyes
are attracted by "highballs," then put
out the red signal in the report. A
half second's lingering on the word
whiskey is also a bad sign.

Test for domestic virtue or undue
female influence:
Let the examiner have some woman
call up the cashier suddenly on the
phone with a message something like
this:

John, oh John, the baby has cut an-
other tooth." The examiner should
note the effect of this message. If
he man seems elated, if his eye bright-
ens and his voice softens, and he looks
proud and happy, it indicates that he
is safe in that direction. The baby
anchor will hold in any gale. But if
he shows indifference or vexation, the
domestic tie is not strong enough to
warrant absolute security. He will
bear watching.

Nerve and Muscle Grafting Possible

The present status of the transplan-
tation of tissues and organs from one
human body to another is thus de-
scribed by The International Journal of
Surgery:

"Now what is the truth of the mat-
ter? The experiments of Carrel have
demonstrated that direct arterial sur-
ture and transplantation of blood ves-
sels are no longer mere possibilities,
but accomplished facts, and these in-
vestigations have been abundantly
confirmed by Garre and others. Thus
has been removed one great obstacle
to the transplantation of organs, the
provision of an adequate blood sup-
ply. Nerve suture is now an accepted
procedure and this eliminates another
obstacle. But apart from these ad-
vances, the transplantation of organs,
while more or less successful in ani-
mals, is still far from a reality in hu-
man beings.

"To be sure, portions of the thyroid,
though not the entire gland, have been
successfully implanted.
"It must be remembered that all the
successful work accomplished in this
field has been in animals of the same
species, and that in grafting organs
from the lower animals to man addi-
tional difficulties arise, owing to the
tendency of the implanted structures
to undergo degeneration. Physiologi-
cal researches, however may teach us
how to overcome this obstacle.

"On the other hand bone grafting
has made material progress, the cul-
mination of which has been reached in
the successful transplantation of an
entire knee joint by Lexer. Skin
grafting is so common a procedure
and its techniques have been so per-
fected that little remains to be accom-
plished in this direction.

"As already mentioned, implanta-
tion of sections of arteries and veins
has a very promising future, especi-
ally in the treatment of aneurisms.
But probably the most wonderful feat
of the present day is the transplan-
tation of muscles, tendons, and nerves,
which has already given brilliant re-
sults in restoring to a life of useful-
ness many former hopeless victims of
paralysis."

Perhaps the most recent case of
muscle transplantation is that describ-
ed by the Berlin correspondent of The
Medical Record. He writes:

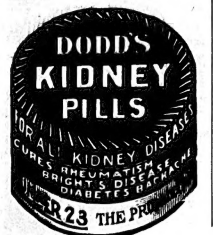
"The first session of the Medical So-
ciety was favored with an interesting
address and demonstration by Katsen-
stein on the recovery from paralysis
of the shoulder by means of combined
muscle transplantation. The case was
that of a young laborer who had had
an operation for glands on the neck
and as a result his right shoulder was
so seriously paralyzed that he could
not carry on his work.

"The problem was to replace the
trapezius by muscles which acted in
three directions. This was success-
fully accomplished, great care being tak-
en that the attached nerves were pre-
served and not injured. The re-
sult could be considered to have been
ideal."

"Whereas before the operation the
muscle had completely lost all excit-
ability to both currents, afterwards the
muscle was thoroughly irritable. The
shoulder joint was movable in all di-
rections, and the patient could per-
form the hardest labor."

A witness in a railroad case at Fort
Worth, asked to tell in his own way
how the accident happened, said:

"Well, Ole and I was walking down
the track, and I heard a whistle, and
I got off the track, and the train went
by, and I got back on the track, and
I didn't see Ole; but I walked along,
and pretty soon I seen Ole's hat, and
I walked on, and seen one of Ole's
legs, and then I seen one of Ole's
arms, and then another leg, and then
over on one side Ole's head, and I says
'My God! Something must happen
to Ole!'"



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Home and Society

Edmonton.

I haven't been able to make my mind up yet, that this Sunday is Easter Sunday. Even with all the array of Easter bonnets beckoning a temptation to go and choose one, displayed in every big shop window, it seems as if the day must be still at least one or two weeks off. However, I know that I have ordered my Hot Cross buns; I know the eggs are already dyed and only waiting for the feast day, so it really and truly must be that Lent is almost over.

How fast these forty days have sped! How happily! In a little space I shall be chronicling the departures for summer outings. With me, every Christmas, every Easter, every summer and every parliamentary opening is a milestone. By then I plan my year's work. From that on I shall be busy; when I knew of Easter hares, and buns and egg hunts. How this country celebrates the festival, and how that. My little tale has all been told, only I can wish you the old, old wish, a glad and joyous Easter, and for the kiddies all the eggs they can possibly eat. Tomorrow (Thursday) I come to this, I shall have a respite. Year by year they seem to crowd each other closer, which proves to put the sensation mildly, "that I am getting on in years."

I have no intention, however, of rambling into an Easter article. Years ago I told you all. We shall have our youngsters home from school for the holidays to add to the hilarity and happiness of the season.

On Thursday last Government House was beautifully aglow and aglow with quantities of the most exquisite cut flowers and plants, in honor of Mrs. Buley's usual monthly reception. In the library, the reception and tea rooms, they made vivid splashes of color against the effective background of quietly-tinted walls and fireplaces. Long, low bowls of vari-colored tulips nestling in their beds of green leaves, and some magnificent rhododendrons, one an indescribably beautiful shade of mauve, calling forth universal admiration.

Mrs. Buley's gown of greenish blue crepe de chine, heavily embroidered and inset with wide net insertions in the same shade, seemed part and parcel of the carefully planned color scheme, to which indeed I think one of the most effective ones I have seen in this home, where the taste of its mistress is proverbial.

In the tea room Mrs. Ewing, assisted by Miss Cuthbert, Miss Taylor, Miss Belcher and Miss Annie Bellamy, all very prettily frocked, Mrs. Ewing's gown of mauve satin with hat en suite being much admired, did the honors, the table being a poem of Easter lilies, arranged in flat crystal dishes, on a mirror base; the perfectly modelled long bell heads resting as if on air, so delicately beautiful was the whole effect. Miss Bellamy has been Mrs. Buley's guest for a week, and left on Tuesday to visit other friends.

I hear, by the way, that Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy will return from their trip to Honolulu about the middle of April.

Another guest at Government House on Monday and Tuesday, was Senator Ross, ex-Governor of the Yukon, who now makes his home in London.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith report a glorious visit to Honolulu. Mrs. Smith is not receiving again until Monday, April 4th. Some time during the week she is expecting Miss Phoebe Sanders of Athabasca Landing and Miss Marjorie Sutherland, of Calgary, for a fortnight's visit.

I hear that Mrs. O'Kelly is desirous of leasing her residence on Seventh street during her absence this summer. A splendid opportunity for someone desiring a commodious and delightful house for the season.

Mrs. Goldwin Kirkpatrick and her little daughter left during the week for Mrs. Kirkpatrick's home in St. Mary's, news having reached her of her father's very serious illness. Mrs. Kirkpatrick will spend the summer in the east.

Mr. Heffernan arrived home from an eastern trip on Friday last, being met by his bride-to-be, Miss Elsie Graves, who has come up to the Capital for a visit. The marriage of these young people takes place, I understand, in June. Preparations for the happy event being now in progress.

A meeting of the Ladies' Golf Club Tea Committee, is scheduled for four o'clock tomorrow, (Thursday) at the residence of the president, Dr. Cobbe.

Mrs. Richard Secord sails from St. John on April 8th, for the old country.

Mrs. Alan Fraser was the hostess of a charming impromptu tea in honor of Mrs. Madill of Calgary, who, with her husband, has just returned from an extended honeymoon in Bermuda, etc., during which they visited all sorts of interesting places.

The two strikingly pretty sisters made a very attractive picture as they received the jolly little coterie who assembled for the party, Mrs. Fraser wearing a handsome gown of amethyst satin ornamented with rat-tail embroideries, and Mrs. Madill a lovely frock of Irish lace, over coral-pink silk, with a long chain of corals, and a stunning black and white picture-hat with sweeping plumes.

Always one of the prettiest of the younger set, Mrs. Madill's reception into the ranks of young matrons seems to have added to her charm, and on Thursday everyone was saying, very complimentary things with reference to her. Another very attractive assistant hostess was Miss Matheson, a guest of the house, and so popular a visitor as we have had this season. Miss Matheson was wearing a pretty girlish gown of soft embroidered blue crepe de chene, and looked, as always, charming.

The table was a lovely arrangement of nodding daffodils and Mrs. Dickins, Mrs. Morris, and Mrs. Lane did the honors.

Among the guests I noticed: Mrs. McLean, of Strathcona; Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. MacNamara, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Roberts, of High River, Miss Smith, of Camrose, Mrs. Braithwaite, Madame Thibault, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Hislop.

Miss C. M. Burnett of the Normal School Staff, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Hargrave, 803 Victoria avenue during the Easter holidays.

Mrs. Edgar Barby, Suite 36, Arlington Block, will receive on Wednesday, March 30, for the first time since coming to Edmonton.

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The Claims of the Horse on Humanity

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Through our streets he patiently strains every nerve and muscle to transport heavy loads of fuel to warm our houses, building material and in fact everything that contributes to our comfort and welfare. Then he toils faithfully on our railroads, and freighting and pack trails often with galled and bleeding sores on his shoulders, and should he become exhausted and drop, he is frequently left to die in his helpless misery. Very many such cases have happened during the past winter.

There is nothing overdrawn in this recital of man's inhumanity to his most faithful and constant friend. It is pleasing to know that in the hearts of the majority of men, women and children there is a genuine love for our faithful, uncomplaining slave, and fully realizing this, I would ask the co-operation of the good citizens of Edmonton, not only by their contributions, but also by their moral support, to help the Alberta Humane Society to protect from abuse and ill treatment our trust and most useful friend, the horse.

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An Alleged Irish Miracle.

All Ireland recently became excited over an alleged miracle which is said to have taken place at St. David's Well, Ballynaslaney, County Wexford, whereby a woman who has been a cripple all her life has been rendered able to walk. St. David's well is one of the many holy wells which are scattered all over Ireland, and it is the mecca of pilgrims from the district.

The woman, who it is alleged has been cured, is Mary Stafford, a blind inmate of the Wexford workhouse, where she has been for about thirty years. She has never been able to walk in all that time and the doctors diagnosed her complaint as a form of paralysis. A few days ago she expressed a wish to be taken to the holy well, having heard a great deal of its power, and the workhouse master, Joseph Moran, arranged that she and some other inmates should be driven there. On her arrival at the place she was carried by attendants to the well and bathed her feet. She was carried back to the car, and on her return to the workhouse she declared that she thought she could walk. She was allowed to try, and sure enough she walked into the ward, rather feebly, it is true, but without assistance. Since then she has walked to chapel several times and the workhouse authorities are hopeful that she is permanently cured.

Describing the cure herself, she said: "I had been praying a great deal that I might be allowed to visit this well, for I felt somehow that it would do me good. When I had bathed my feet I felt much better, and when I got off the car I felt sure I could walk if only I tried. I never remember being able to walk before, except just a little when I was a child."

The woman is about 50 years old, and the first record concerning her that the authorities have been able to find tells of her admission to the infirmary as a smallpox patient in 1875. Her blindness and paralysis, the woman declares, both date from that illness.



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Home and Society Calgary.

Miss Lee entertained at a jolly card party on St. Patrick's Day.

Mrs. Sisley entertained at tea hour on Thursday.

Mrs. Jones and the Misses Jones, who have been wintering in California, returned this week.

Mrs. Rae of Medicine Hat, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Hay Fifth street west.

Miss Boucher was the guest of honor at the home of the Misses Ings at a social gathering this week.

Miss Todd is spending a few months in Northern Alberta.

Mrs. Lang, Fourteenth avenue west, entertained about a dozen of her lady friends this week in honor of her sister, Miss Baxter, and her cousin, Miss Frost, who are in the city for a few months.

Mrs. Macdougall, of Port Arthur, who has been the raison d'être of so many bright social functions, left on Thursday for her home. She was joined by her husband, Dr. Macdougall, who spent a few days here early in the week.

Madame Chilson-Ohrman was the raison d'être of a dainty luncheon at Cronn's on Wednesday, given by Mrs. Grogan. The table was exquisite with its tulips and violets. Covers were laid for Mesdames Ohrman, O'Sullivan, Wrigley, Woods, Sisley and Grogan.

On Tuesday Mrs. Sisley was the kind hostess at a very appetizing luncheon with Madame Chilson-Ohrman, wearing a chic pale blue ninon de soie, as the honored guest. The charming hostess wore a white lace robe, and welcomed her friend to her pretty home, where the fragrance of clusters of carnations prevailed. A few of the guests were Mesdames Chilson-Ohrman, Wrigley, Grogan, Woods, and Van Wart.

Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Helliwell, Mrs. Mason, Miss Mason, Miss McCullough, Dr. Mason, Dr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Green, Mr. Helliwell, Mr. Dufon, and Mr. Haig, were among the guests at a bright little game of cards given by Mrs. Grogan, in honor of Mrs. McDougall. The hostess was prettily gowned in a black satin costume, and the guest of honor wore a pretty cream lace robe. The competition in the game was keen and very enjoyable, the winners of the prizes being Mrs. Mason, Mr. Haig, Mr. and Mrs. Helliwell.

Mrs. Richards entertained at a musicale in honor of her guest, Miss Boucher, of Edmonton, on Monday at the tea hour. Mrs. Richards looked very lovely in a brown silk gown; her guest was beautifully attired in a grey silk collette, princess style. Daffodils, tulips in profusion were the bright floral decorations. Excellent musical selections were rendered by several guests, special numbers being given by Miss Costigan and Miss Rouleau. A few of those present were: Mrs. Bernard, Misses Lilly Muckleton, Ings, V. Ings, Rouleau, Costigan, B. Rouleau. Very dainty refreshments were served.

On Thursday afternoon and evening Mrs. H. T. Sheffield (nee Miss G. Fletcher, of Nova Scotia) held her post-nuptial reception at her pretty new residence, 1723 Tenth street west. The beautiful bride was prettily gowned in a flowered silk mull, with lace yoke and dainty touches of pale blue and wore a bouquet of the palest pink carnations, at the corsage. She was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Harrison, who wore a rich cream broadcloth, and Miss Vera Harrison, in a pretty girlish frock, ushered in the many guests.

Presiding at the table in the tea room was Miss Delay in a lovely gown of cream, embroidered in silk, and Miss McCullough, wearing the daintiest mauve silk collette, with finishings of cream net and lace, kindly served the dainty refreshments.

An especially interesting event took place at the pro-cathedral on Wednesday afternoon, when the nuptial ceremony of Miss May Merritt, of Brantford, Ontario, and Fenwick A. Martin, of Maple Creek, was performed by the Very Rev. Dean Page, in the presence of a few of the bride's friends.

The pretty bride was lovely in a dainty wedding gown of white silk crepe de chine, with rich trimmings of net and satin folds. She wore a white picture hat with plumes and gold trimmings, and in her hand was

a white prayer book. The happy couple left for a short trip to British Columbia. The bride's going away gown was a smart tailored suit of grey chiffon broadcloth, and hat to correspond. Among the lovely presents that Mrs. Martin received was a silver set from St. John's Anglican Church, of Brantford, where she was formerly a faithful assistant.

Mrs. Mark Hambourg was the honored guest of Mrs. Justice Stuart, on Monday afternoon at a tea. Among those who enjoyed the social intercourse were: Mrs. Hambourg, Mrs. Lamont, Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. Herron, Mrs. J. J. Young, Mrs. Marler, Mrs. Cruickshanks, Mrs. McCutcheon, Mrs. Van Wart, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Barnes, Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Sisley and Mrs. Jamieson. Mrs. Stuart was becomingly attired in a gown of pale blue flowered silk mull, and Mrs. Hambourg wore a perfectly fitting tailored suit of chiffon broadcloth with chapeau to correspond.

The appointments in the tea room were prettily arranged, the table being decorated with daffodils and ferns, at which Mrs. Herron and Mrs. Ducker presided, and Mrs. Lamont cut the ices, while Mrs. McCutcheon, Mrs. Dodd, Miss Maus, and Miss Neilson served the dainty refreshments.

Miss Jamieson gave a very pretty little dance last night at which the guests were: Mrs. Darling, Misses M. Clarke, A. Clarke, Sylvester, Maharg, Halstead, Harper and Rattenbury, Messrs. Akitt, Tuffley, Prihrit, Connor, Dabey, O'Brien, Lindner and Harper.

Mrs. Fred Chase entertained the merry matrons on Thursday afternoon at her rooms on Second street east with progressive whist until 5 o'clock when the guests were invited to the dining room, where a very dainty meal was served. Among the guests were: Mrs. Rodden, Mrs. Stranahan, Mrs. Lehr, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Wolford, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Critchley, and Mrs. Liviner.

Mrs. Wrigley entertained delightfully on Monday afternoon in honor of Madame Chilson-Ohrman. The hostess was graceful and charming in pale blue satin, and the guest of honor very attractive, in black silk lace with gold sequins.

In the refreshment room pretty draperies of smilax hung gracefully from the electrolite to the table which had for its centre a basket of the freshest violets, which gave their fragrance throughout the reception room. Mrs. Grogan, in a cream broadcloth suit and Mrs. Van Wart in a wisteria gown, cut the ices; while Mrs. Sisley and Mrs. McDougall ably dispensed the tea and coffee. Their kind assistants were Miss Bertinshaw, Miss Lowes, Miss Glanville and Miss De Sousa.



Veteran: "When I was in Egypt in 1860, I was walking in the desert one evening when all of a sudden I met a Polar bear—
Lady: "But there aren't Polar bears in Egypt!"
Veteran: "Evcoose me, mum, I'm talking about sixty years ago!"—The Sketch.

A few of the guests were: Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. J. J. Young, Mrs. C. A. Stuart, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Nolan, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Berkinshaw, Mrs. Grogan, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. T. Allan, Mrs. Sisley, Mrs. Van Wart, the Misses Jones, and others.

Mrs. R. Hood, Third avenue west, received on Friday afternoon, and many of her friends availed themselves of this opportunity of spending a pleasant hour with the hostess, who looked lovely in a chic gown of rajah silk, of champagne shade, enlivened with touches of pale blue. The honor of assisting was enjoyed by Mrs. Mayhew, who also looked exceptionally pretty in a white mousseline de soie, and pink carnations former the decorations in the reception room, and the same color scheme was carried out in the tea room, where a crystal vase, resting on a delicate lace centre, upheld a spreading bouquet of carnations from which fell pretty vines of smilax, and encircled many of the dainty dishes of palatable viands. Presiding at the table was Mrs. Marshall, ably assisted by Miss Atkinson and Miss Rutherford, while petite Marie Mallade presided at the door.

A "gub" reporter on an up-state paper was sent out by the city editor to get a story of the marriage of a young society girl and a man well known in the city. The man was gone about an hour and then returned and went aimlessly over to his desk, by which he sat down.

Shortly afterward the city editor noticed his presence and his evident idleness.

"Here, kid!" shouted the superior, "why aren't you at work on that wedding?"

"Nothing doing," replied the boy. "Nothing doing? What do you mean? Didn't the wedding take place?"

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4 Cans Armour Corned Beef	25	Fresh Cabbages, 5 for	16
Raspberries, per can	20	Genuine Seville Oranges	60
reg. 76c	55	Good Sweet Oranges, 25, 40, 60	
Best Rice, 4 lb. for	25	6 Cans Wagstaff's Jam, Straw	
Hand Picked Beans, 8 lb. for	25	berry and Raspberry Jam	75
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The Cost of Living in 1851

An old memorandum-book, in which some interesting prices are recorded, has just been brought to light by the Brooklyn Eagle. The prices afford a basis for comparison; and as one reads them one begins to believe what the old people say — that former times were indeed better than these.

The woman who kept this account-book paid, to be sure, in 1851, three dollars and twenty-five cents to go from Westfield, Massachusetts, to New York, and three dollars more to go from New York to Philadelphia, but she paid only twenty-eight cents a dozen for her washing—beautifully ironed and brought to her door—and ten dollars a month for her board, and it was good, too.

She had her daguerrotype taken, a single picture, and paid one dollar and a half for it. We can improve on that price now. She bought a pair of shoes for one dollar and twenty-five cents, and had a dress cut for thirty-seven and a half cents.

The accounts bristle with half and quarter cents. Things cost sometimes a "fip," sometimes a "levy." The former was six and a quarter cents, the latter twelve and a half cents.

She bought a pair of rubbers for eighty-seven and a half cents, and wrote them down as "gums." For her pew rent at church she paid sixty-six and two-thirds cents. Her gowns were made of "debaque," "delaine" and "mull," and she paid one dollar and seventy-five cents for the fitting and making of one. She paid the exorbitant price of two dollars and twenty-five cents for a pair of congress gaiters.

For teaching school eleven weeks this woman received eighty-two dollars. She has a tooth drawn and pays twenty-five cents—this was before the days of anesthetics.

We find an entry "wafers," and we remember that there were no envelopes in those days, and that all letters were simply folded and then stuck together with red wafers. Perhaps you may remember that your grandfather kept a box of them on his desk, close beside the sand-sprinkler with which he blotted his letters.

What we call the cachon dates back a long way. This lady of the accounts was buying cachous in 1851. They are small lozenges, with no other purpose, so far as is generally known, than to promote the fragrance of the breath. She burned in her lamp "fluid," a highly inflammable oil which preceded the safer kerosene.

Cut Out Programme Advertising.

C. H. Gardiner, of Rochester, N.Y., discussed the use of newspapers for advertising before the Buffalo Retail Jewellers' Association last week. He said in part:

After years of experience I can tell you that the place to do your advertising is in the newspapers. In the end it is the least expensive. The people do not read the newspapers alone for the news, but also for advertisements. The men are the ones who read the "ads." Put the idea to practical test. Ask your wife about what she has read in the newspapers and she will tell you she knows more about the "ads." That she knows about the news items of that day. Women are ad. readers because they do the most buying. By all means cut out programme advertising. The best results obtained are from newspapers that charge for position, for the reason that a newspaper which charges for position is usually the best paper.

Since They Are Married.

He never buys her candy any more. He used to send a pound box daily. She never runs to meet him at door. She used to go to meet him gladly, gaily.

He used to take her to each latest play. But he has ceased to do so since their marriage. There was a time when he was glad to pay.

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He never tells her that she has a charm. Which no one else in all the world possesses.

She never is seen clinging to his arm. He prizes no love notes that she addresses.

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He best may please her father and her mother.

They once were lovers and are married now. But not, oh gentle reader, to each other.

—S. E. Kiser.

The Town of After Ten.

I wish I was as big as men
To see the Town of After Ten;
I've heard it is so bright and gay,
It's almost like another day.
But to my bed I'm packed off straight
When that old clock strikes half-past eight!

It's awful hard to be a boy
And never know the sort of joy
That grown-up people must have when
They're in the Town of After Ten.
I'm sure I don't know what they do,
For shops are closed, and churches, too.

Perhaps with burglars they go 'round,
And do not dare to make a sound!
Well, soon I'll be a man, and then
I'll see the Town of After Ten!
—Carolyn Wells, in Harper's Magazine.

A Boy and a Dog.

The lead mines of Missouri, which have yielded tens of millions of dollars and not yet half worked out, were originally discovered by a boy and a dog. The dog was chasing a rabbit and fell into a hole, and it was in getting him out that the boy found a piece of ore and took it home to show to his father. The family became rich, but it cannot be learned that the dog even got a new collar for his share in the discovery.

A Pioneer Colorado Judge.

From the Green Bag.

Judge James P. Belford, formerly of the Supreme Court, of Colorado, whose death occurred January 7, is mourned as the last of the "Old Guard," which had survived that State's earlier days. As a campaign orator, a judge and a statesman, he was a remarkably brilliant and well rounded man. That he was not wanting in courage is illustrated by the following anecdote told by Judge E. T. Wells, his colleague on the Territorial Supreme bench.

"He is a man of nerve who would take a chance with his life in following out a course which he believed to be right.

"I saw him sitting on the bench in a law-suit at Georgetown with a double-barrelled shot-gun across his knees. I forgot the title of the case now, but it was one involving large interests in a wealthy mine in the district. Both sides had engaged the services of noted gun men to make a demonstration in the town and later in his court room. Judge Belford had given a great deal of study and deliberation to the issue raised and he was satisfied of the soundness of his decision.

"It had got noised about that on that particular day he would read his decision, and the little court room was packed with partisans of the litigants. Belford took his place on the bench, adjusted his shotgun on his knees, unfolded his manuscript and began to read. His judgment was entered on the record, court adjourned, and there was no bloodshed, but before he entered the room he did not know but that they would carry him out feet first."

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"Of course," said one man, "music hall agents cannot earn anything like the money artists earn."

"I beg your pardon," Mr. Einstein said. "I keep a motor car; I have a house in London, one in the country; my wife wears expensive furs and diamonds. I suppose, one way and another, I make a very good income."

"Not as an agent, then," said the other man.

"I do indeed," said Mr. Einstein,

who was getting rather angry, and he proceeded to quote facts and figures about various engagements he had secured for well known artists. "Yes," he said, "and when I say I earn £3,000 a year, I am under-stating my income, if anything. Why, sir, I could prove this to you by documentary evidence if I felt so inclined."

"You shall," said the other man quietly, and he handed him his card. On it were the words, "John Smith, Surveyor of the Income Tax."

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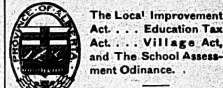
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Local Improvement Districts 28-M-4, 29-M-4, 30-M-4, 25-N-4, 26-N-4, 27-N-4, 28-N-4, 29-N-4, 25-P-4, 27-P-4, 28-P-4, 25-R-4, 26-R-4, 27-R-4, 28-R-4, 29-R-4, 25-S-4, 26-S-4, 27-S-4, 28-S-4, 29-S-4, 25-T-4, 26-T-4, 27-T-4, 28-T-4, 29-T-4, 25-A-5, 26-A-5, 27-A-5, 28-A-5, 29-A-5, 25-B-5, 26-B-5, 27-B-5, 28-B-5, 29-B-5, 25-C-5, 26-C-5, 27-C-5, 28-C-5, 29-C-5, 616, 617, 620 and 621.

And of Section 11 of The Education Tax Act in respect of lands situated within the following areas, viz:

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Townships 57 N. of R. to 70 in Range 14, W. 4th M.
Townships 49 to 70 in Ranges 15 to 28 inc. W. 4th M.
Townships 49 to 70 in Ranges 1 to 8 inc. W. 5th M.

And of Section 57 of The Village Act in respect of the following villages, viz:—

Village of Morinville.
And of Section 19 of The School Assessment Ordinance in respect of the following School Districts, viz:—

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IMMORAL PUBLICATIONS

Receives attention from Winnipeg Police Prosecution of "Live Wire"

The Winnipeg Free Press says of the "Live Wire," publication of which was stopped last week:

That the publication lived long enough to see its second issue was a matter of public wonder, but this could not be avoided as the police were busy for the most part of the week, securing information necessary to warrant the arrest of those responsible for the birth and life of the weekly, whose only mission was to secure monetary returns for its parents through channels so corrupt that its tenor was repulsive to every decent citizen.

The number of protests lodged with the department immediately after the first issue would scarcely be believed, but the list continued Saturday morning when a prominent citizen interviewed Chief McRae and received prompt assurance that the electricity of life was almost spent as far as the "Live Wire" was concerned.

The warrant was executed about 5 o'clock and in addition to carrying away the manager the police also took about one thousand copies of the paper. The office of Colling was situated at Room 3, Thomson block, and the publication was carried on behind the cloak of another business in which the principal was engaged.

Every sense of decency has been outraged by this sheet and its kindred spirit of the same type of debased morals, but of longer history and greater notoriety, which has recently found an asylum here after being squelched in Calgary and Port Arthur. No suggestion has been too vile nor no scandal too vicious to be excluded from its columns; rather has it depended for its iniquitous existence upon the disgusting details of indecency, crime and misfortune. The respectable public will be glad to know that it is practically under the ban now, and if it be issued again prosecution will at once be instituted.

One of the saddest features of it all is the fact that small and innocent boys of very tender years have been seen toddling around the streets peddling these pestiferous sheets, reeking with filth which must corrupt and debase the lads. Indeed, it has been the wonder of hundreds of people that,

even though printers could be found who would publish these sheets, in secret, those interested in the moral welfare of the city and the boys did not take steps to have them summarily suppressed.

Colling came before Magistrate Daly this morning when two charges were read against him. The first had to do with the first issue of the publication, and the other with the second and last.

SOUTH WANTS BABIES

New Orleans, La., March 24.—The demand for babies for adoption from New Orleans and other parts of the state, continues, and, despite the fact that local agents of the New York Foundling and Orphan asylum filled orders for fifty-eight babies last week, the first shipment of the season, the agents are trying to arrange for another shipment here as soon as New York can supply the babies.

Every year several of these shipments are made from New York asylums, and there are numerous applicants for each available baby. These imported babies range from one to three, and are only given to good Catholic families, which must furnish references from their parish priest.

Whenever a carload of babies arrives, there is a crowd at the station to meet it, many hoping that the prospective foster parents will not come for their child, and they will get a chance for the leftover. Local agents have enough applications on file for the next two or three carloads of babies.

It is a matter of considerable difficulty to obtain babies from the local orphan asylums, hence the heavy demand on New York. Foster parents can return the baby if it does not suit, and can give it a year's trial. In making out applications for the babies, the applicants give the sex of the child desired, the color of its hair and eyes, and its age, and efforts are made to fill the order as made out.

The baby season opens early in the spring, and during the remaining months until fall there are generally several more shipments.

The Jew Problem in Germany

"The Germans must absorb the Jews in Germany, otherwise the Jews will dominate the country," declares an eminent medical authority, Dr. George Lomer, in a remarkable book on the racial question.

There is a Jewish question in Germany, says the author. The law makes all equal, but inequalities exist, and the Jews are gradually abolishing them by the sheer weight of their growing influence, so that ultimately they control the destinies of this great empire.

Dr. Lomer, who is a Gentile, begins by elaborating the vast superiorities of the Jews in all professions in which brain power tells. The high schools of Berlin already tell a striking tale of the prevalence of education among Jewish children. One-ninth of the Roman Catholic children of Berlin attend the higher grade schools, one-seventh of the Protestant children also attend these schools, but no fewer than two-thirds of the Jewish children of the German capital receive the higher education.

Throughout Germany the Jews form little more than 1 per cent. of the total population, but 20 per cent. of the children in the high-grade schools of Berlin and other great cities the percentage of Jewish children is still higher, reaching 30, 40 and 50 per cent.

The same remarkable predominance of the Jews is evident at German universities. Among the Roman Catholics thirteen per cent. thousand, and among the Protestants twenty-five per cent. thousand receive a university education, but among the Jews no fewer than 160 per cent. thousand receive academic training.

More than half of the doctors and lawyers in Berlin are Jews, and the same numerical predominance can be noticed in most great German cities. The Jews predominate also in university professors, as teachers, as journalists, as artists and architects—in short, in all professions.

Apart from this intellectual supremacy which confers on the Jews enormous influence in shaping the destinies of the country through various channels, the Jews are fore-

most in trade, commerce and industry. The bankers and financiers, the merchants and manufacturers of Germany are so frequently Jews that the Israelite influence is a most important factor in this direction.

COULDN'T KEEP MARRIAGE

London, March 18.—Sir Charles McLaren has given notice that he will introduce eight bills in the House of Commons all bearing on the rights and interests of women. His wife is the champion of this woman's charter, which she introduced to a large meeting of women at Manchester on Thursday. Lady McLaren deals with women's wrongs in no half-hearted fashion. First and foremost she demands that the Commons request the bishops of the Church of England in convocation to draw up a new marriage service in accordance with womanly dignity and legal truth.

"There is no doubt," she said, "of the inferior position of women in this country, and the reason we are treated so by the working and other classes is because the church, and especially the marriage service, encourages such treatment."

Compares Husband to a God. "The passage in the service: 'Wives submit yourselves unto your husbands as unto the lord,' compares the husband to a god. I do not deny his many godlike qualities, but I do not think men claim to have the authority of God. He does, he doesn't get it."

Lady McLaren complains that this and other similar vows cannot possibly be kept. Women married in the Catholic, Jewish and Nonconformist churches can keep their marriage vows while the women married in the Church of England cannot, she thinks. She refers to man's "false vow," "with all my worldly goods I thee endow," "The husband says that in the presence of God and the assembled company. It is not the truth. It is one great thumping lie, and there is no other word for it," she declares.

Several of the Liberal women of Lancashire and Cheshire have agreed to call upon the bishops to remove the objectionable portions of the service. They also ask that the law of divorce be amended, entitling either party to a divorce on the basis of unfaithfulness alone.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

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will not give them in the day of success and prosperity what we promised them in the day of our need and distress? Would not that be downright knavery and a crime before God and men?

"When I had advanced thus far, cries of 'Shame! Shame!' came from the audience. Then I began to denounce the vile politicians who advocated such a disgraceful course, first the Democrats who had made such an ignominious proposition a part of their platform, and then the Republicans who believing that such a movement might develop some popular strength, had bent their knees to it. By this time my hearers were thoroughly warmed up, and when I opened my whole vocabulary of strong language, in all parts of the crowd arose such cries as 'You are right!' 'Bully for you!' 'Give it to them!' 'Hit them again!' and other ebullitions of the unsophisticated mind; and when I added that I had been told the whole population of this region were in favor of that crime of repudiating the honest debts of the republic, and that I had in their name repelled the charge as a dastardly slander, my hearers broke out in a storm of applause and cheers lasting long enough to give me time enough to look around at my committee-men, who returned my gaze with a smile of pitiable embarrassment on their faces.

"When my speech was over, I asked them what they now thought of the repudiation sentiment in their neighborhood. Ah, they had 'never been so astonished in their lives.' One of them attempted to compliment me upon my 'success in so quickly turning the minds of those people.' But I would not let them have that consoling conception of the facts, and answered that I had not turned the minds of those people at all; that their feelings and impulses were originally honest; that I had only called forth a manifestation of that original honesty; and that if the local political leaders had believed in the original honesty of the people and courageously stood up for truth and right instead of permitting themselves to be frightened by a rascally agitation and of pusillanimously pandering to it, they would have had the same experience.

The different crazes which pass over

democracy. Mr. Schurz attributes mainly to artful presentation of the question and "to the cowardice of politicians of high as well as low rank, who, instead of courageously calling things by their right names, would, against their better convictions, yield to what they considered a strong current of opinion. For fear of jeopardizing their personal popularity, I have seen men of great ability and high standing in the official world, do the most astonishing things in this respect when they might, as far as their voices could be heard, have easily arrested the vicious heresies by a bold utterance of their true opinions."

No matter what the issue, no matter whether the politician has adopted the right view-point or those who try to influence him have, he has no place in public life unless he acts in accordance with his honest opinions. People can forgive a mistake, but a lack of ordinary backbone—never.

When Mark Hambourg was in Regina, the National Anthem was sung at the close of the programme and some criticism was heard, to which the Spectator replies:

"The National Anthem is made much too cheap in this western country, so much so that it is degenerating into a hint that the time has arrived to put on hats and coats, and 'get.' It should be remembered that the National Anthem is a hymn, indeed, a prayer, and it is against the fitness of things that it should be trotted out at all sorts and conditions of gatherings and assemblies, from a lecture on psychology to a hockey match. Why not sing the Doxology for a change?"

What gatherings would the Spectator have it sung at? When has it ever been heard at a hockey match? It has been the custom, in all British countries, to sing the National Anthem at the close of all musical programmes. There is nothing particularly western about this, but in a part of the country where so many people are assembled from all parts of the world and it is particularly desirable to stimulate loyal sentiment, it would be a matter of great regret if every means were not utilized to bring about this result. If we did not hear the National Anthem at concerts and operatic performances, where would we hear it at all? The custom of preparing to get away while it is being sung is an abominable one. A minute can surely be spared while we pay this small

mark of respect to the head of the state.

The New York Peace Society has recently issued a pamphlet which brings home in a striking manner the horrible wastefulness of war and the preparations for it. The organization has as its officers men like Andrew Carnegie, Alton B. Parker, Horace Porter, Governor Hughes, ex-Mayor McClellan, Elhu Root, and others whose presence on the executive should disarm the statement which we always expect to hear when the work of such a body is mentioned, that it is composed of a set of impractical cranks. It has a great work to do in the United States, which of all countries in the world is in the best position to set its face resolutely against the mad increase of armaments which is going on all over the globe. Living in a world at arms, we cannot avoid bearing a share of the burden, but we can throw our influence against every movement which makes for international distrust and enmity and do all in our power to help those which bring the nations more closely together and lead to some other method of settling disputes than that of the jungle.

The society's platform is a broad one, and there is room within its fellowship for men who differ widely as to measures and methods. It includes both those who deny all place to armaments, and those who fear, in the present state of civilization, to abolish large armies and navies. It urges, however, neither non-resistance nor great armaments, but exists to strengthen the forces which are leading towards international goodwill, and the substitution of law for war. It proposes to do this:

1. By working for a wider application of the principles of the Hague Tribunal.
2. By promoting mediation.
3. By advocating the reduction of armaments.
4. By denying the right of conquest.
5. By resisting forcible and unjust commercial exploitation.
6. By fostering sentiments of sympathy and respect among nations.
7. By holding up true ideals of national honor and greatness.
8. By furthering the work of the Interparliamentary Union, the Peace Societies here and abroad, and all associations of capitalists, working-men, and others in sympathy with the peace movement.

10. By urging that the Hague Tribunal becomes automatic, periodic and self-governing, that the International Court of Arbitral Justice be constituted, and that a 'Universal Obligatory Arbitration Treaty be framed, to the end that a 'Federation of the World' be realized.

From 1890 to 1908 the United States spent on its army and navy an average annual sum of \$71,500,000. From 1902 to 1910, its annual cost has been \$185,400,000.

"This eight year increase," the pamphlet points out, "exceeds the National Debt by \$158,000,000. It exceeds the entire budget of the United States for 1910. It is twice as much as the highest estimate of carrying out the deep waterways project. It is nearly three times the estimated cost of replanting the 56 million acres of denuded forest land in the United States. It is three times the estimated cost of the Panama Canal, including purchase price from the French Company. Interest on this sum at 4 per cent. would give in income of \$1,000 a year forever to 42,880 families—a city of 200,000. The increase for 1908-09 is only \$13,000,000 less than all the gifts to charities, libraries, educational institutions, and other public causes in 1909, which reached the vast total of \$185,000,000. It is three times the cost of carrying out the whole irrigation programme contemplated within a generation. It is probably enough to banish tuberculosis from the United States within a reasonable time, if efficiently used to arouse and assist the people in their fight against this dread disease. More than 160,000 are dying yearly from this cause. It is \$60 for every family in the United States. It is a yearly tax of 1 1/4 per cent on the total wages paid in the United States, on the supposition that wages average \$600 to the family; and we pay it in the higher price for our goods.

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